



THE FIRE WITHIN **(Part Two Of Two Parts)**

In Part One of *The Fire Within* the 88th Precinct's Officer Jack Haldane (Rob Youngblood) and Captain Podly's daughter, Detective Samina Podly, went undercover to expose evil doings at the Pyrist Temple when members of this fire-worshipping cult began turning up dead. It would appear however that both officers have gotten more than they bargained for. Haldane has been brainwashed by the Cult into renouncing his past. Furthermore, to prove his loyalty to the Pyrists he has exposed Samina's true identity and pushed her off a cliff, sending her plunging into Demeter Bay.

Part Two of this episode opens in the Pyrist Temple, still a massive structure, still as ornate as it is ominous, *but now swarming with cops!* Almost the entire 88th Precinct is here - Officers Brogan, Castle, Took, Romek, Orrin and, of course, Captain Podly, who wants to know the whereabouts of his daughter, Samina. Podly summons for Haldane who appears wearing his Initiates robes - and an almost beatific smile - very unlike the Haldane we have come to know. In a shocking encounter with his fellow officers Haldane resigns from the force. To put it in his own words "*The Fire is within me now. I can't serve both you and the Fire.*" Haldane tells his Captain that he knows nothing of Samina's whereabouts, but that he will pray for her safe return. Podly and Brogan are stunned by what they are hearing!

At Captain Podly's request, Took attends a mass held at the Pyrist Temple in order to keep an eye on Haldane. Her task is thwarted however, when the lights in the Temple dim significantly. Suddenly horrific, flame-streaked, three-headed serpents emerge from the *Eternal Flame*, writhing obscenely. The congregation screams with fright. Only Sister Brok and Kalamandro seem unfazed by this latest "miracle." Then, almost as quickly as they sprang to life, the serpents begin to wither, then die. "*Fire Serpents, Brothers and Sisters, it is just as the Daskell (the Pyrist bible) foretold!*", exclaims Kalamandro.

The ancient and wise leader of the sect, the Icar Vedra is fraught with concern for his congregation. He can't understand how or why these "miracles" are occurring. He finally learns the truth from Sister Brok - that all this time she has been scheming to replace him as the new Icar. At last, the Icar Vedra, who, until now, had been so trusting of his disciples Sister Brok and Kalamandro, realizes that he has become the victim of a plot to discredit him. All three miracles - from Brother Tendall Kalike exploding into flames to the three-headed serpents - were deliberate perpetrations by his own ungrateful staff. The conversation ends in a heated verbal exchange, with the Icar declaring that "*Only the flame can decide who is the true leader!*" Indeed it shall!

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The Pyrist congregation gathers for a *Trial By Fire* - a special ceremony that occurs during times of strife "to test the purity of one's faith in the *Eternal Flame*." This event is also to set the stage for the final showdown between Sister Brok and the Icar Vedra. In front of the entire congregation Brok walks across the lava pit and steps into the *Wall Of Fire*, but instead of walking straight through to the other side, she pauses in the middle of the flame, not singeing an eyelash. She beckons the Icar to join her. He follows her into the flame. For a moment it appears as though he, too, is immune to the fire. Then in a ghastly blink of an eye, the Icar ignites like a furnace. Haldane pushes his way through the horrified congregation, but it's too late. The Fire has spoken. Before a stunned congregation, Kalamandro declares Sister Brok the new Icar.

Back at the Precinct House, Brogan attempts to persuade a judge to shut the Temple down - a request that is denied. The constitution of the Planet Altor guarantees the freedom to follow one's spiritual path. The fact that the Icar Vedra burned to death the night before is of no consequence as he *chose* to walk into the flame on his own accord. Brogan is at a total loss as to what to do. His frustration is soon alleviated however by the sudden appearance of a one-eyed creature with a drunken, toothless grin.

This homeless creature's name is Dorek Kyyster - and he's an eyewitness to the disappearance of Samina Podly. Kyyster paints an ugly picture of what happened that night - a woman going up in flames, then plunging to her death in the waters below. Podly is devastated. He asks the creature if he could identify the man who pushed his daughter. Answer? Affirmative. Podly shows Kyyster a photo of Haldane. Answer? Affirmative. Brogan begs Captain Podly not to believe this creature. Podly ignores the Lieutenant, ordering Coastal Patrol divers to cover every inch of Demeter Bay. He then requests that an arrest warrant be issued for Jack Haldane - for suspicion of murder.

Soon the wailing of police sirens surrounds the Temple. Kalamandro reacts, ushering Haldane to a hidden wall panel which slides open, revealing steps that descend into a deep cave. As three police cruisers pull up to the Temple, Haldane begins his descent, discovering at the end of the cave another steel tunnel leading to a small ladder. He climbs up, opens the hatch door and makes his way through the fog to Romek's Cruiser. While the male officers interrogate Sister Brok and Kalamandro, Officers Jane Castle and Took remain outside, their view becoming increasingly obstructed by a thick fog that's rolling in off Demeter Bay. Suddenly Romek's cruiser fires up and takes off. Jane and Took take off after the stolen cruiser. Hugging the coastline, they head out over the fog-shrouded bay in hot pursuit of Haldane. The chase to end all chases ensues. But to no avail. Haldane escapes.

A weary Brogan heads home for the night, only to discover none other than Jack Haldane waiting for him in his apartment! And Haldane is not alone. Coming out of the bedroom with Sally is Samina Podly! (Viewers will recall that in Part One, Samina discovered numerous jars of a clear liquid stashed in Kalamandro's wardrobe. These jars, it turns out, were filled with flame retardant! Haldane's "torching" of Samina was staged. Leaping off the cliff was actually Samina's idea. She was a swimming pro in college.)

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Haldane returns to the Temple to resume his role of the pious Initiate. There he finds Sister Brok, enrobed as the new Icar, standing on the Dais, addressing her congregation. "*The Day Of Immolation* (or "Doomsday" as we call it) *is almost near,*" she warns. "*Bring unto your Icar those symbols of greed that you have mistaken for riches.*" The faithful hang on her every vibrant word, selling their possessions and turning over the proceeds to the Temple.

The flock, having been fleeced, is ushered down into the Cave beneath the Temple, where they believe they will be protected from the devastation of the Day Of Immolation. Haldane, who remains with Sister Brok in the main Altar room, is totally bewildered. She cries out "*Prepare for launch!*" Suddenly, the Temple begins to transform into a spaceship!! The building's four exterior jet like flames flare up dramatically. A steel shutter slides down sealing the main entrance to the Temple. The fire jets on the side of the building slowly begin to revolve toward the ground - gradually transforming themselves into propulsion engines.

Haldane runs toward the door, trying to escape, but is stopped by Kalamandro. Meanwhile Brogan, Podly, Jane, Took, Orrin and Romek pile into the Temple through the same manhole cover opening that Haldane used when he made his escape earlier. They dash into the cave, ushering the congregation to a safe area. Up above, Haldane and Kalamandro finally come to blows. Meanwhile, the Temple, now transformed into a spaceship, begins to ascend. Brok, realizing that the tide of battle is going against her, and crazed by the apparent collapse of all her plans, jerks hard on the controls of the craft, changing its direction and placing it on a collision course with the 88th precinct station house. Total chaos breaks out, with Brogan and Haldane battling Sister Brok and Kalamandro as the craft hurtles out of control toward the precinct house. A voice on the precinct house public address system rings out "*Secure for collision. Impact is imminent!*" Now, with yet another fire to put out, only Brogan and Haldane have the power to alter destiny.

End Of Part Two

LOG LINE

Suspecting that Officer Haldane (Rob Youngblood) may have been brainwashed and subverted by the Pyrists, Officers Brogan (Ted Shackelford) and Castle (Simone Bendix) make a desperate attempt to stop the cult before they escape Demeter City in a massive spaceship with Haldane aboard.

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CAST

Lieutenant Patrick Brogan
Officer Jack Haldane
Officer Jane Castle
Sally Brogan
Matt
Liz
Podly
Romek
Orrin
Took
Fredo
Lionel Carson

Ted Shackelford
Rob Youngblood
Simone Bendix
Nancy Paul
Nick Klein
Megan Olive
Jerome Willis
Lou Hirsch
Richard James
Mary Woodvine
David Quilter
Joe Mydell

EPISODAL CAST

Icar Vedra
Sister Nevik Brok
Brother Tendall Kalike
Brother Kalamandro
Kem Flexen/Judge/Zipload
Sister Fancher/Samina Podly
Fama Podly
Dorek Kyyster
Stunts

Jack Hedley
Lisa Orgolini
Andy Dawson
David Quilter
Rob Thirtle
Alexa Rosewood
Kate Harper
Wayne Forester
Glenn Marks

CREDITS

Executive Producer
Producer
Associate Producer
Co-Executive Producers

Director
Screenplay
Director of Photography
Music
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